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Hi All –

Hopefully you all received the list serve notice for the second Policy Forum meeting, scheduled for December 10, 2012 (see list serve text copied below). At this meeting we will be talking about:

- The geographic and source control scope of the CWA and the state water quality standards. I expect this will generate discussion around salmon, relative source contribution, net pen raised salmon, market fish, and source control.
- Case studies about current difficult discharge situations. This should lead to discussion about implementation tools and policy. Maybe about criteria too.
- Short presentation on the criteria equations to get people oriented to the discussion of risk levels, which will occur at third Policy Forum.

I expect we will also get some questions about the ability to control air sources that could impact water quality.

We will be posting information for the meeting throughout the week – as we get the material ready – I will let you know when new information is put up.

I hope you can come to this meeting – either here in Lacey or by WebCam/conference call. Please let me know if you can attend. I'd like to be able to direct questions that need your expertise to you.

Special thanks to those of you who have been helping me this last month and a half with discussion and information around the presentations for next Monday's meeting. This has mainly been the permitting/ source control/legal/CWA standards experts. Great review and advice.

FYI: Here's the link to TVW's broadcast of Friday's House Environment Committee work session, at which Ted Sturdevant (Ecology Director) and Kelly Susewind (Ecology Water Quality Program Manager) spoke about fish consumption rates and water quality standards:

[http://twv.org/index.php?option=com\\_tvwplayer&eventID=2012111039](http://twv.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2012111039)

Thanks everyone – hope you can attend on Monday, December 10, 2012, please e-mail or call me with comments/questions.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is convening the second Water Quality Policy Forum to continue discussions on potential changes to the Surface Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A). The Policy Forums will discuss the new rulemaking processes to adopt new human health-based water quality criteria and implementation tools.

**How can I attend this Policy Forum?**

Ecology is hosting the second Policy Forum meeting as an interactive webinar. The webinar will occur on Monday, December 10, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PST). Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer or in person at Ecology headquarters in Lacey. Free registration for the webinar is available online at: <https://www.accuconference.com/customer/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=62781d73-3070-4bd1-91fe-ca9208773062>.

Due to technological limitations, Ecology is unable to provide both webinar and video conference sites together. Ecology staff will present the webinar at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98504 ([directions](#)). Seating for interested parties is available at that location.

**How has the Policy Forum changed since the last meeting?**

The last Policy Forum, held October 29, 2012, focused on creating a conversation with members of the Delegate's Table. Ecology established a Delegate's Table to provide advice and perspective to the agency as it addresses the complex science and public policy issues of the rulemaking. Ecology listened to feedback from both Delegate's and Policy Forum participants, and decided to hold more education sessions before reconvening the Delegate's Table. The Policy Forum will continue to provide education on the two rule making topics, and will offer more engagement opportunities for participants. The Delegate's Table will reconvene in early 2013 to focus on policy issues identified from the Policy Forum.

**How can I find more information?**

More information about the Policy Forum, including a meeting agenda, is available at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/hhcpolicyforum.html>.

To find out more about Ecology's efforts to revise the Surface Water Quality Standards, contact:

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